Child Labour Force

571. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India contributes highest figure to the Child Labour Force in the World; and

(b) what are the figures supplied by the international agencies like ILO, MNDP, UNICEF etc. *vis-a-vis* figures calculated by GOI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) According to the 1991 census data, the number of working children in the country is 11.28 million. According to some estimates, India may have the largest number of child labour population in the World.

(b) According to the ILO and UNICEF, UN agencies have not conducted a separate survey of child labour in India. They use the official Government of India figures.

Child Labourers in Delhi and their rehabilitation

†572. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Child Labourers presently employed in Delhi and the arrangements for their rehabilitation;

(b) whether a large number of said child labourers spend their night on footpaths, if so, the number thereof and the persons responsible for their rehabilitation;

(c) whether any Act was passed in 1986 for the child labourers if so, whether it has been implemented; and

(d) if so, since when, if not, the reasons therefor and by when the said Act would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) As per the 1991 Census, the number of working children below the age of 14, in Delhi, is 27,351. As per the information received from Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, no separate survey has

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